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1. THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE UNDER A MARGALITH (WASHINGTON)
BY-LINE APPEARED IN HAARETZ JANUARY 7:
QUOTE: TWO EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT MONTH WHOSE AIM
IS TO ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF THE U.S. FOR A PALESTINIAN
STATE ON THE WEST BANK AND THE GAZA STRIP: THE JEWISH 'BREIRA'
ORGANIZATION, WHICH SUPPORTS A PALESTINIAN STATE, AND THE
AMERICAN QUAKERS WILL HOLD TWO SEPARATE CONVENTIONS IN
CHEVY CHASE, WITH THREE DAYS IN BETWEEN.

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QUOTE: MATTI PELED IS SCHEDULED TO ADDRESS BOTH
MEETINGS. PLO REPRESENTATIVE SABRI JIRIS WILL ADDRESS
THE QUAKER MEETING. JIRIS WAS SUPPOSED TO OPEN A PLO
OFFICE IN WASHINGTON IN DECEMBER 1976, BUT THE U.S.
AUTHORITIES ASKED HIM TO LEAVE WHEN IT TURNED OUT THAT
HE HAD GIVEN FALSE INFORMATION IN HIS VISA APPLICATION.
QUOTE: TWO 'BREIRA' LEADERS WILL ALSO ADDRESS THE

QUAKER CONVENTION. THEY HAVE RECENTLY MET WITH JIRIS AND ANOTHER PLO REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON. OTHERS TO ATTEND WILL BE DR. ARTHUR WASKOW AND RABBI MAX TIKTIN. UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: OFFICIAL DISAPPROBATION TO THE CONTRARY NOTWITHSTANDING, MATTI PELED IS APPARENTLY DETERMINED TO CONTINUE WITH HIS CAMPAIGN TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS. HIS SPEECHES IN WASHINGTON, IF THEY TAKE PLACE, ARE CERTAIN TO ATTRACT CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION HERE AND WILL INEVITABLY INCREASE THE ANNOYANCE OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT. NEVERTHELESS, PELED AND HIS COUNCIL FOR ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE DOES REPRESENT A POINT OF VIEW SHARED BY SOME ISRAELIS. SINCE SOME OF ITS SYMPATHIZERS WILL BE FOUND IN MAPAM, WHICH PRIME MINISTER RABIN IS STRIVING TO MAINTAIN IN THE ALIGNMENT, THE GOVERNMENT WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO TRY TO DEAL WITH PELED IN A LESS THAN ALL-OUT MANNER, PARTICULARLY IN THIS PRE-ELECTION PERIOD. THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION WILL JUST NOT GO AWAY.
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